Mr. C. Matthai.—The chief agency by which adult education is intended to be imparted is the Night School. There are 14 such schools in the State, and the question of increasing their number is under consideration. Something is also being done in the Industrial Schools. More effective work in this direction can be done by social service workers and other non-official agencies.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How far have they proved successful? That portion of the question has not been answered.

Mr. C. Matthai.—They have proved to be fairly successful, and we are not disappointed so far. It is distinctly encouraging.

The number of Night Schools in the State.

91. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Night Schools in the State and the names of places in which they are located?

Mr. C. Matthai.—There are 14 recognised Night Schools which are located in (1) Cranganur (2) Patinettarayalam (3) Kattur (4) Vadakkancheri (5) Ampalappuram (6) Trichur (7) Aranattukara (8) Vellarakkad (9) Kanjirakkode (10) Pynkulam (11) Carikkode (12) Kanayannur (13) Vadavukode and (14) Cherai.

Industrial Schools for Girls.

92. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) the number of aided Industrial Schools for girls in the State and in how many of them Needle-work is taught as a special subject;

(b) when did the Government first give grant to the Church of God Needle-work School, Kunnamkulam;

(c) whether the Government has been giving grant to the school throughout the year; and if not, when did the Government cease to give the grant;

(d) when the Manager was informed of having withdrawn the grant;

(e) whether the Government has given grant till the date on which the Manager was informed of having withdrawn the grant;

(f) whether the Manager was informed or warned that the grant will be withdrawn before actually withdrawing it?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) There are 3 aided Industrial Schools for girls in the State, viz., St. Peter's Industrial School, Karuvannur, Chembukkavu Industrial School, Trichur, and the Church of God Needle-work School, Kunnamkulam. Needle-work is taught as a special subject in all these schools.

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(b) About 20 years ago.

(c) No. The grant was stopped with effect from 1st Chingam 1100.

(d) The Manager was informed on 28th Mithunam 1100 that the grant to his school would be withdrawn with retrospective effect from 1st Chingam 1100.

(e) No.

(f) On 20th Thulam 1100 the Manager was asked to show cause why the grant and recognition of the school should not be withdrawn for gross violation of the grant-in-aid rules. There were also several complaints against him, which were fully enquired into before the order withdrawing the grant was issued.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Even before giving the warning, the grant was stopped

Mr. C. Matthai.—The grant was stopped, for the defect existed there.

Mr. K. T Mathew.—My question is whether the Manager was informed and warned.

Mr. C. Matthai.—Suppose I go to a school which is not working properly. Am I to give warning and wait another 3 months giving grant, before it mends its defects ?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Are not grants given monthly?

Mr. C. Matthai.—We do give grants, sometimes monthly, sometimes quarterly and sometimes yearly.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the reason for giving it quarterly and yearly?

Mr. C. Matthai.—In the case of Malayalam Schools we give monthly; in the case of Secondary Schools we give quarterly; and there are certain special grants such as building grants, etc., which we give only annually. It is practically impossible to give grants monthly. I may tell the House that in British Malabar even for Malayalam Schools grants are given only annually. The Inspector once in a year goes and inspects, and if he finds it working well, he pays the grant at the end of the year. The Manager has to wait for full 12 months for this grant. In the case of our poor Malayalam Schools we pay monthly grant. This has considerably increased our office work, and if all these Secondary Schools are also to be paid monthly, the office work would be doubled and even trebled.

Mr. K T. Mathew.—Is not grant allowed to this school monthly?

Mr. C. Matthai.—It may be or may not be. I may say that this was an Industrial School which was taken over to the list of aided schools.

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President.—Was the grant being given monthly to this school? I think our Comptroller will be able to throw some light on this point.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—It was started long ago. A few months before I left that department, I found the work of this school was very unsatisfactory.

President.—Was not the grant being made monthly?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If the grant is paid monthly, why was not the grant paid in Chingam and Kanni ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Superintendent had doubts as to the sound working of the school. So the grant was not paid. I think the matter was investigated by an officer, and the grant was stopped. When we have a suspicion that something is going wrong in a school we at once stop the grant.

President.—You gave notice when you stopped payment.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If there is any defect, should not the Manager be warned by the department?

Mr. C. Matthai.—If he was not paid grant for 3 months, he might have known that something is going wrong in his school. When he did not receive the grant for the first month, the second month and the third month, he should have known that the grant was suspended. He was receiving grant monthly before that. The non-payment of grant is itself a warning.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Then the answer to my question is not correct.

President.—The question is whether the Manager was informed in writing.

Mr. C. Matthai.—There is nothing to show he was. He must have known from the non-payment of grant that there were reports against him.

President.—The question is whether the department informed the Manager. The emphasis lies there.

Mr. C. Matthai.—The matter happened long ago, when that school was not under me, and I do not know much of it.

President.—I think this matter was represented to me, and some Vakil also appeared in connection with the case. I had the report of the Director of Public Instruction. I thought he was able to satisfy me. I referred the matter again to the Director of Public Instruction who informed me that grants are given only at the beginning of the year, and not in the intervening period. Mr. Chummar was the Vakil, I think, who appeared before me. I think I gave you the correct answer.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—That was the answer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—To-day I received a letter from the Manager that the grant was not given as yet.

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Mr. C. Matthai.—I think the Hon'ble Members of this House have not any idea of the general routine work of our office. We have to get a number of reports and statements; we have to approve the staff list, approve the salaries of teachers,etc. All these have to be gone through. So at the beginning of the year, there is bound to be a delay of a month or two in the disbursement of grants.

President.—Even in regard to staff selection, there is considerable difficulty.

Mr. C. Matthai.—It is so at the beginning of the year.

President.—We have been getting numerous complaints from teachers of various schools who, with no substantial appointment, are thrown out at the end of every educational year, each requesting to retain them in the service or to re-entertain them.

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Hon'ble Member cannot have any conception of the amount of work we have to get through.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—I think there are 2,400 employees in the department.

Mr. C. Matthai.—It is more than that.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I do not know whether the Hon'ble Member for Mulakunnattukavu is in order.

President.—He was only giving information.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—In my case I was told that I was not in order.

President.—Information from all proper sources should not be shut out. You were putting a question. You were not giving us any information. You should not stand on technicalities.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—My point is whether it is right for the Member to speak.

President.—All that we want is information. I think Mr. Achyuta Menon had better sources of information on certain points than we. Why should we not take advantage of that information? If we stand on technicalities, it would be very difficult.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—The matter is whether, when the question is put, or when the question is being put and answered, or when the question is answered, any Hon'ble Member has a right to speak.

President.—I think, Mr. George, the substance of the thing should be followed and not technicalities.

Since the first one hour, allowed for Questions and Answers is over, we shall proceed to the next item of business.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I may point out that nearly 15 minutes were taken for explanation. There are questions involving

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matters of a serious nature not taken up. If the President would extend the time by 15 minutes, they could be taken up. It is only ¾ of an hour that was utilised for question purposes. I wish to draw your attention to that.

President.—You want 15 minutes more?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Yes, Sir.

President.—Under these special circumstances, I grant 15 minutes extra.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—On a point of order. If once the President has ruled, I submit that, under the Rules, he has no right to withdraw.

President.—The right of re-consideration also rests with the President.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—If 15 minutes more are allowed for questions and answers, then the time available for the voting of demands for grants under Agriculture and Panchayats would be less than what it would be.

President.—My point is that, when you say I have no right of re-consideration, I cannot reconcile my position to it. Always we must be open to conviction. We are always apt to err, and it is only right and proper that we must correct our errors. To err is human. Can I not revise my ruling?

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—They can be taken into account in next day's questions.

Dr. A. R. Menon—Rules do not allow these questions to be asked to-morrow.

President.—It may be that I have gone wrong.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There is no rule, as my Hon'ble friend has stated, in the Council Rules.

President.—I think I can re-consider my ruling.

A Residential School for the children of the depressed classes.

93. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government is aware that a residential school for the children of the so-called depressed classes is being maintained by the Government of Pudukkottai;

(b) if the Government is not aware, whether the Government will enquire and find out the fact;

(c) whether there is any such school in our State?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Government are not aware.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

Financial help for the development of handicraft.

94. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they will give any financial help to

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